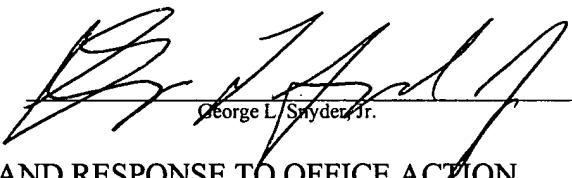




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I hereby certify that this Amendment and Response to Office Action and accompanying items mentioned therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on August 23, 2001 in an envelope addressed to: Box Response - Fee, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.



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Honorable Sir:

This Amendment and Response is in reply to the Office Action dated April 26, 2001 in the above-identified application. Enclosed herewith please find:

- Marked Version of Replacement Paragraph;
- One sheet of proposed drawing amendment (Sheet 5 of 7);
- A Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) seeking a one-month extension of time to respond, with
  - ▶ A first check in the amount of \$110.00 for the extension fee specified in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1);
- A Terminal Disclaimer, with
  - ▶ A second check in the amount of \$110.00 for the disclaimer fee specified in 37 CFR 1.20(d);
  - ▶ A first Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) confirming ownership of the present application by Leica Microsystems AG; and
  - ▶ A second Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) confirming ownership of U.S. Patent No. 6,162,523 by Leica Microsystems AG.